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SUBJ: AIR VIETNAM AGREES TO USE OF JAPANESE HELICOPTER BY
PECTEN VIETNAM

REF: RICHMOND LETTER OF JULY 24 TO ASHIDA

1. PECTEN VIETNAM (SHELL US) AND AIR VIETNAM HAVE REACHED
AGREEMENT PERMITTING ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS S-61 HELICOPTER TO OPERATE
IN SUPPORT OF SHELL'S DRILLING ACTIVITIES. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED
BY SHELL THAT HELICOPTER WILL BE USED INITIALLY TO TRANSPORT WORKERS
AND FREIGHT BETWEEN CON SON ISLAND AND THE RIG "OCEAN PROS-
PECTOR" EXPECTED TO ARRIVE OFF VIETNAM AUGUST 10/11. AIR VIETNAM WILL
RECEIVE 13 PERCENT OF WHATEVER SHELL PAYS TO ALL NIPPON FOR USE OF
THIS HELICOPTER. IN TURN AIR VIETNAM WILL PROVIDE VARIOUS SERVICES.

2. HELICOPTER IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE OKINAWA ON AUGUST 4 AND
ARRIVE IN SIAGON ON AUGUST 9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSIT OF
HELICOPTER THROUGH TAIWAN HAS BEEN MADE BY GVN EMBASSY IN
TAIPEI. BRITISH-MALAYSIAN CREW WILL FLY EMPTY HELICOPTER WHICH
WILL BEAR ONLY JAPANESE REGISTRATION MARKINGS.
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